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1. (C) SUMMARY. Qadhafi often speaks out publicly against government corruption, but the politically-connected elite has direct access to lucr

Saif's Call For Freedom of the Press Equals Net Profit

2. (C) As with many other regimes, politically-connected members of the Libyan elite have direct access to lucrative business contracts. Qadha

Oil and Gas Revenues Channeled to Qadhafis and Political Elite

3. (S) All of the Qadhafi children and favorites are supposed to have income streams from the National Oil Company and oil services subsidiari

Aisha Competes with Saif on Charitable Activities and Broad Commercial Interests

4. (C) Dr. Aisha Muammar Al-Qadhafi, General Secretary of the Wa'atassemo Charity Society, is patron of the December 4-7, 2006 Infrastructure

Competition Between Siblings led to Takeover of Coca Cola Plant

5. (C) The recent controversy over the Coca Cola plant in Tripoli also highlighted Qadhafi family involvement in commercial enterprise. While

Telecommunications Controlled by Mohammed

6. (S) Mohammed, who has plenty to keep him busy through his control of the General Post and Telecommunications Committee, has major input ove

New City Planned by Saadi

7. (S) Saadi is also branching out into infrastructure development. His functionaries contacted USLO public affairs section for publications i

Consumer Goods Distribution Controlled by Few Family Holding Groups

8. (C) Food distribution is also reportedly controlled by only four or five politically-connected families. There are no large western-style f

9. (C) The government attempts during the 80s to instigate large socialist-style department stores failed; the shells of the state enterprises

Qadhafi Incorporated Lifestyle

10. (C) Qadhafi himself keeps a low profile in Tripoli. The Bab al-Azizia compound has facilities for banquets and other public events, but it

Comment

11. (S) The financial interests of Qadhafi and his key allies present opportunitites and challenges for reform efforts in Libya. At a minimum,

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